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### REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This reply responds to an Examiner's Office Action mailed on September 26, 2002 setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months. As this Reply is being filed on January 27, 2003, under the Certificate of Mailing provisions with an appropriate extension of time, this Reply is timely.